



Access

Parking for the 8.5 mile trail is available at several locations: The Crossing at the Dan, Dan Daniel Park, Anglers Park, and Main St at the Martin Luther King Bridge. The paved path is designed for shared non-motorized use to include pedestrians and bicyclists. Connections may be made to Dan Daniel and Anglers Parks, the Carrington Pavilion, Danville's Science Center, the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, historic Downtown Danville and, most recently, Riverside Dr. restaurants and hotels. The Riverwalk is truly one successful path to the vision adopted by Danville Parks, Recreation & Tourism: *Danville... Happy and Healthy!*

Nature

Typical bottomland trees along the trail include curling-barked River Birch, towering Sycamore, wispy Black Willow and groves of Box Elder. Double-Crested Cormorant, osprey, mallards, heron, and basking turtles flourish along the river. Numerous species of fish draw anglers of all ages to the Dan. Striped bass, landlocked in the John H. Kerr Reservoir, migrate upstream to the Dan to spawn each spring. Catfish, some said to be of legendary size, prowl the river's bottom. A variety of

crayfish, salamanders, frogs and reptiles populate the trailside tributaries.

History

Danville's rich history is apparent at many sites along the Riverwalk. The path provides views of the Wynne's Falls ferry crossing, the converted 1856 Southern Railway train bridge, the site of the "Wreck of the Old 97", and fish weirs from Native American days. The Riverwalk is adjacent to locations included on Virginia's Civil War Trails Tour.

Trail Progress & Plans

The Riverwalk on the Dan may define the City of Danville for the 21st century. Historically, the Dan River was utilized as a catalyst for industry; now the river's value rests in its natural beauty and recreational opportunities. As active participants are lured through beautiful parks, natural areas and historic sites, this Dan River corridor links our past to our future.

The 2011 Riverwalk Master Plan Revision outlines the development of miles of trails linking Danville's waterways, parks and neighborhoods. Studies are underway to connect the Riverwalk to the six-mile Richmond-Danville Rail Trail. The Riverwalk is uniquely positioned to become a hub of the proposed trans-commonwealth Beaches to Bluegrass Trail, extending from Virginia Beach to the Blue Ridge Mountains.



Anglers Ridge Mountain Bike Trail System

The Herculean efforts of the Southern Virginia Mountain Bike Association have produced an amazing network of single-track. This intricate 25-mile mountain bike system offers technical challenges on trails like Hot Tamale, Crooked Stick and Witchback. Novice riders can try out skills on the more moderate Anglers Ridge, and Riverside Dr. trails. For mountain bike opportunities visit www.svmba.org.

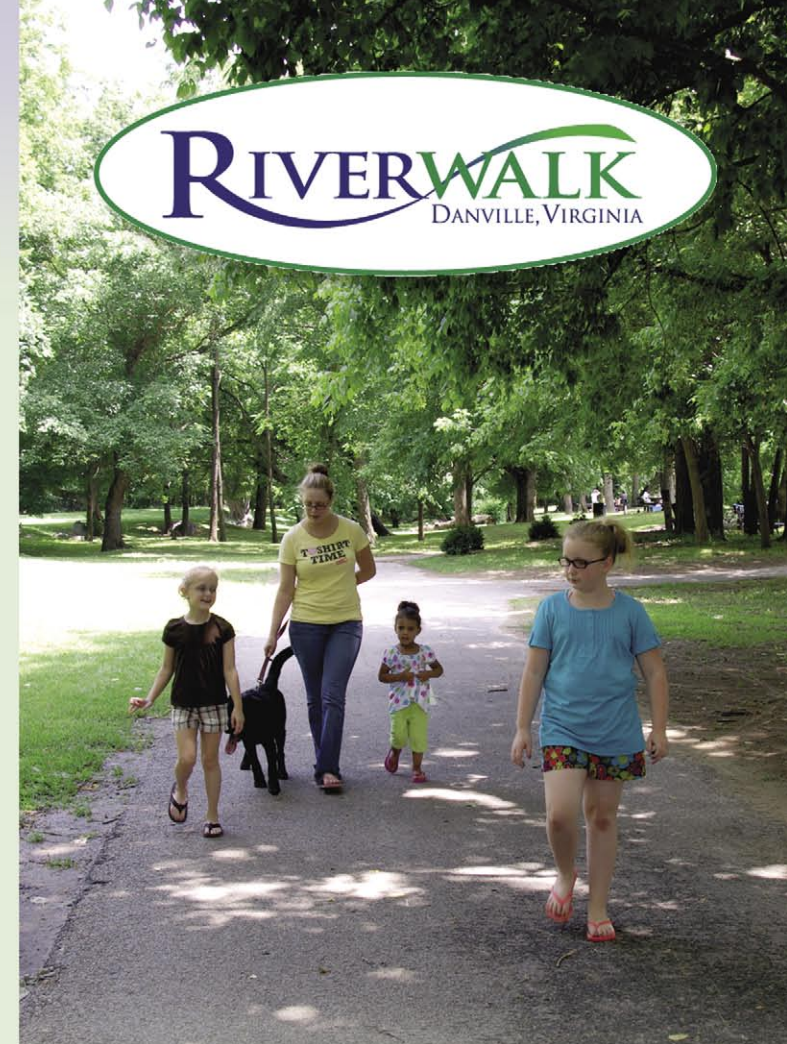
Activities

The Riverwalk and Anglers Ridge Mountain Bike trails host a myriad of trail events to include bike races, trail runs, charity walks, marathons, canine events and environmental education activities as well as park special events. For more information contact Danville Parks, Recreation & Tourism.

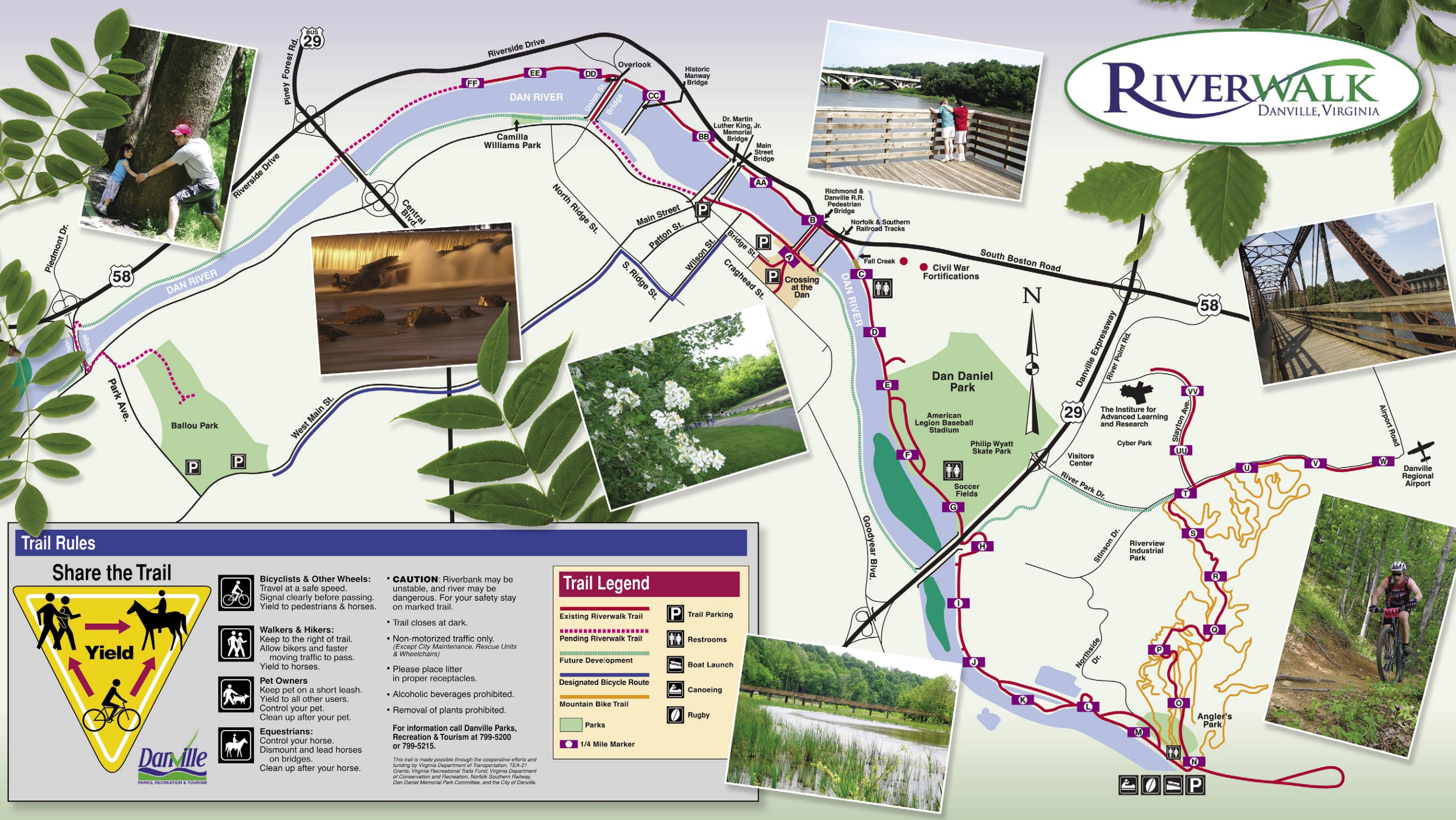
With the booming popularity of the Riverwalk and adjacent network of trails the forecast for Danville's future is "Happy and Healthy!"

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Trail Rules

Share the Trail

Bicyclists & Other Wheels:
Travel at a safe speed.
Signal clearly before passing.
Yield to pedestrians & horses.

Walkers & Hikers:
Keep to the right of trail.
Allow bikers and faster moving traffic to pass.
Yield to horses.

Pet Owners
Keep pet on a short leash.
Yield to all other users.
Control your pet.
Clean up after your pet.

Equestrians:
Control your horse.
Dismount and lead horses on bridges.
Clean up after your horse.

CAUTION: Riverbank may be unstable, and river may be dangerous. For your safety stay on marked trail.

- Trail closes at dark.
- Non-motorized traffic only. (Except City Maintenance, Rescue Units & Wheelchairs)
- Please place litter in proper receptacles.
- Alcoholic beverages prohibited.
- Removal of plants prohibited.

For information call Danville Parks, Recreation & Tourism at 799-5200 or 799-5215.

This trail is made possible through the cooperative efforts and funding by Virginia Department of Transportation, TEA-21 Grants, Virginia Recreational Trails Fund, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Norfolk Southern Railway, Dan Daniel Memorial Park Committee, and the City of Danville.

Trail Legend

Existing Riverwalk Trail	Trail Parking
Pending Riverwalk Trail	Restrooms
Future Development	Boat Launch
Designated Bicycle Route	Canoeing
Mountain Bike Trail	Rugby
Parks	
1/4 Mile Marker	